(d) if no steps have been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED); (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House,

Retrenthment of postal and E.D. Employees

19. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: will the Minister of COMMUNICA-IRONs be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total strength of postal employees including ED employees as on 31st December, 1989;

(b) what was the number of ED employees retrenched during the period from January, 1989 to February 1990; how many of them have been taken back on duty so far; what steps hare been taken to stop retrenchment of the ED employees; and

(c) what is the percentage of pro motion of each categories of postal employees including ED employees; whether Government propose to give equal opportunity to all sections of postal employees in the matter of promotion; and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The information is furnished in the Statement. *(See* below). Subject to the need to provide for an element of outside recruitment at the level of Postal/Sorting Assistants and also subject to the reservation orders in force, equal opportunity is given to all sections of Postal employees.

Statement

Prcentage of promotion available to various categories of Postal Employees

Category of employees	Promotional Grade	Percentage of vacancies in promotional grade available to the category
(i) Extra Departmental agents	(a) Group D	100%
	(b) Postmen	50%
(ii) Group D	(a) Postmen	50%
	(b) Postal/Sorting Asstt.	50%
(iii) Postmen	(a) Head Postmen/Sorting Postmen Mail Overseers/ Cash Overseers	100%
	(b) PA/SA	50%
(iv) Postal Asstt./Sorting Asstt.	LSG	100%
	IPOs	100%
(v) LSG	HSG II (Higher Selection Gr. II)	100%
(vi) Inspectors of POs.	(Asstt. Supdt. of Post Offices)	100%
(vii) Inspectors of Post Offices Asstt. Supdt. of POs	Postal Supdts. Service Group 'B'	94%